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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE SCANNING
 APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 relates to an image forming method and image reading method.


An English translation of the Japanese document is not readily available; however, an English language abstract has been provided. The absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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